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THE *Syracuse Journal* says: "As a politi-

cal eye-opener the extra-session is an im-

mense success." So the country is discov-

ering, and it is profiting by the discovery.

THE Greenbackers have met and resolved

that it is no such a thing, and we suppose

that they have slyly crept into bed with the

Democrats, hoping that they might not be

discovered. They cannot resolve that fact

away very well in the face of history.

THE Confederate Brigadiers, having failed

to shoot the United States army out of ex-

istence, they now propose to starve it out;

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## CAUCUS LEGISLATION.

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speech before the Georgia Legislature, that by

a return to Congress the South might repeat

the experiment with the same success. He

(Mr. Blair) had read that speech at the time

of its delivery, and had little thought he

would live to see the prophecy fulfilled. But

now we see these measures matured in

the Democratic caucus, in which the South has

an overwhelming majority of two-thirds in the

House and thirty out of forty-two Senators, thirty

three of whom, a positive and pronounced

majority participated in the war against the

Union in civil or military situations; so that

our legislation is shaped and fashioned by a

caucus, in which ex-Confederates have a

majority, and Mr. Stephen's prophecy is realized.

Very appropriately the Congress controlled by

the South says to the President, the remaining

branch of the Government elected on Republican

principles, in opposition to the party now

in power, that he shall not exercise his power

to veto a bill.

They ask if we call it revolutionary, continued

Mr. Blair, to put amendments on appro-

priation bills? Of course not. There have

been a great many amendments put on such

bills, some mischievous and some harmless;

but I call it the audacity of revolution for

any Senator or Representative, or any caucus

of Senators or Representatives, to get together

and say that they will have certain legisla-

tion stop the Departments of the Government.

That is revolutionary! I do not think it will

be a revolution, but it is a revolution that

won't be a revolution! It won't be a revolution

if it is a revolution, and, if it is a revolution,

it must be backed out from ignominiously.

The latter will probably be the result.

Mr. Blair proceeded to say that the extent

to which the South controlled the legislation of

the country was worth pointing out. That

the South contained one-third of the popula-

tion of the United States, and that the House

of Representatives, of which he was allowed to

speak, the South had twenty-five out of the

forty-two standing committees. In this Senate

it had twenty-four out of thirty-four commit-

tees. He was not calling these things up just

now in reproach, but only showing what an

admirable prophet the Vice-President of the

Confederacy was, and how entirely true all his

words have been, and how he has lived to see

them fulfilled.

Mr. Blair concluded as follows: I do not

know how Mr. President will react to all

Senators on this floor, certainly as little as any

Senator on this floor—I profess to know

what the President of the United States will

do when these bills are presented to him, as I

know him to be a man of great courage and

courage, and I am sure that he will not be

dissatisfied of the gentleman holding that

exalted position, and I hope I shall not speak

a word that will reflect on the dignity of the

Senate of the United States. But as there has

been speculation here and there on both

sides as to what he would do, it seems to me

that the duty of the House of Representatives

is to inform the public as to what he should

do, and that the House of Representatives

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